explain the procedures for investment. The decision to open such a NRI Section was taken by the Exchange, and not by the Government.

(b) It is for the other Stock Exchanges to take a decision in the matter.

(c) and (d). Question does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

[*Translation*]

Opening of Sainik Schools in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts

412. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up Sainik Schools in Pauri-Garhwal and Chamoli districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A Sainik School is established at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration as the entire capital expenditure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure of the School has to be borne by them. No proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for opening of Sainik Schools in Pauri Garhwal or Chamoli Districts.

(b) Does not arise.

Opening of bank Branches in Pauri and Chamoli District of Uttar Pradesh

413. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received during the last two years for opening branches of nationalised banks including the State Bank of India in Pauri and Chamoli districts of Uttar Pradesh with the names of places;

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued licences to the concerned Banks for opening the Branches at these places;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). Under the extant policy (1990-95) of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for opening of branches, RBI has received applications for opening bank branches at the semi-urban centres of Gopeshwar in Chamoli District and Lands Down and Kotdwar in Pauri Garhwal District from Public Sector Banks and the allocations of these centres will be finalised by RBI. In respect of rural centres, the list of identified centres with necessary particulars in each District has to be given to the lead bank of that District. The lead bank, after-consolidating the list received from all banks submits it to the District Collector for recommendations and onward transmission to RBI through the concerned State Government. RBI has not-yet-received applications in respect of rural centres for the Districts of Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli. The applications when received will be considered by RBI as per norms of the policy on merits.

Opening of Army Recruitment Centres At Gopeshwar and Narenera Nagar In Uttar Pradesh

414. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: